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Dear Evelyn:

I have a request to make of you, that I hope you will wait a couple of weeks for the justification (in the form of a note to the BMG).

Can you give me any information on chemicals which have proven, convincingly, to be non-mutagenic, but which do have appreciable killing action on coli -- say of the order of 1% survival per 2 - 3 hours, or better, in feasible concentration? Judging from your 1947 paper, methyl green fills the bill. [K-12 appears to be much more sensitive to methyl green than B is.] But do you have any others?

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg